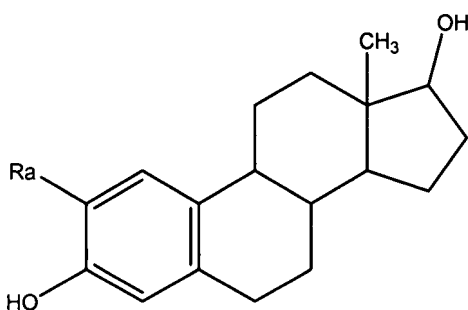


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application. Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting neovascularization due to angiogenesis in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a neovascularization-inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein, R<sub>a</sub> is -OR<sub>1</sub> or -OCOR<sub>1</sub>, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is H, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group of up to 6 carbons.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein R<sub>a</sub> is -OR<sub>1</sub>.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein R<sub>a</sub> is -OCOR<sub>1</sub>.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization and the compound is 2-methoxyestradiol.

Please add the following new Claim 8 as follows:

8. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the compound is 2-methoxyestradiol.